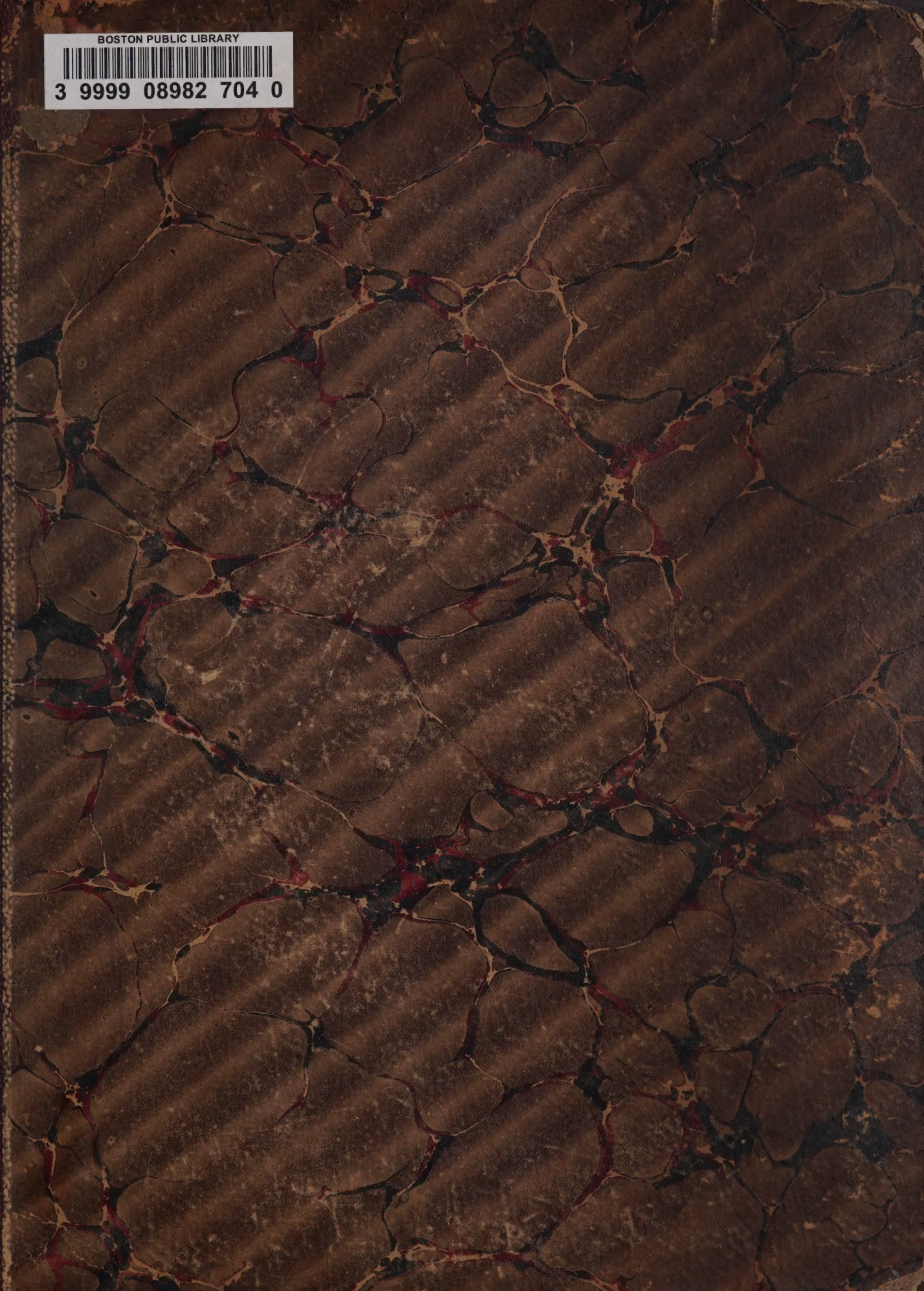


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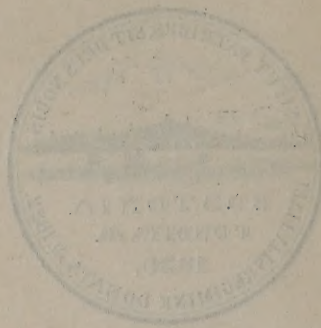
JULY 3rd, 1897,

ON THE

DEATH OF

COUNCILMAN EDWARD C. CADIGAN.

1895, 1896, and 1897.



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Death of Councilman Edward C. Cadigan.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Special Meeting of the Common Council.

July 3, 1897.

Special meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council chamber, at 12 M., to take action upon the death of Councilman Cadigan.

CALL FOR THE MEETING.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call:—

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, July 2, 1897.

To the Common Council:—

It becomes my sad duty to announce to you the death of Edward C. Cadigan, a member of your body from Ward 15.

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Common Council Chamber on Saturday, July 3d, 1897, at 12 M., to take such action as you may deem proper to signify your respect for the memory of the deceased councilman. Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Councilman MAHONEY of Ward 15 offered the following:—

Resolved: That in the death of Edward C. Cadigan, a member of the Common Council from Ward 15, his associates in this body recognize the loss of one who was faithful and energetic in the performance of the duties of his honorable office and always true to the best interests of his constituents as well as to those of the city at large.

He endeared himself to us all on account of his kindly disposition and the strength and sincerity of his friendship.

We deeply sympathize with his afflicted family in this, their hour of bereavement, and respectfully tender them a copy of this resolution as a token of our regard for the memory of our departed friend.

Councilman MAHONEY of Wd. 15 said:—

Mr. President: We are called together today to take action on the death of one of our members.

The hand of Death has again entered the Council Chamber and taken from among us our late brother, Edward C. Cadigan.

To those of us who knew him intimately we found him a loyal companion, a true friend and one who was not afraid to state his honest opinion at all times.

His exterior nature seemed to be abrupt, but beneath the surface his friends can

testify to his warm and loyal nature.

We, his associates here, mourn his loss, but his loss will be felt by his constituents whom he has represented in this body going on three years. They can testify that he looked after their wants with a jealous care and everything that lay in his power to do for their interest he cheerfully did.

Taken away in the bloom of youth in his early manhood, when the prospects of life naturally appear the brightest, but in this as in all things we must accept the inevitable and bow to the will of a higher power.

Here we are upon the eve of the Nation's greatest holiday, where throughout the land its coming is heralded with satisfaction and pleasure in anticipation of the great celebration. We can take from this the thought that may his coming be heralded with pleasure by the higher power beyond the sky and that his spirit will be received with great celebration in the eternal home of happiness which we look forward to as the just ending of our temporal abode here.

I sympathize with his family in their bereavement and I condole with them in their hour of affliction. May they take comfort in the thought that while their loss is great and they are bowed down in sorrow, that his spirit is now enjoying his eternal reward.

Mr. MAHONEY of Wd. 13 said:—

Mr. President, I rise to second the resolution offered in memory of our deceased colleague. I have known our departed friend for many years, meeting him first in the old Lawrence school, where as a boy he received the education that afterward fitted him for service in this body. With a continued acquaintance, after the close of our school life, and a renewal of closer friendship in this council, I have found in him the many excellent qualities that are always to be found in an honest and honorable person. I have looked upon him as an old friend and as old friends are always the best friends, I feel by his death that I have lost a true friend.

Faithful to his constituents and to his colleagues in this body, we will all mourn for him as a friend.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 7 said:—

Mr. President, for the second time since its organization, the Common Council of 1897 is called together in a special meeting to take action on the death of a faithful and able public servant. The very first meeting after our organization was a special meeting to take action upon the death of Gen. Francis A. Walker. Today we are called together in special session to take action upon the death of one member of our own official family, for the hand of Death has now deprived us of our late associate, Councilman Cadigan, of Wd. 15. It is indeed sad to see a man of his age in

life, when he should be in the full bloom of manhood, stricken down. Those of us who did not know him prior to our becoming members of this body have learned to appreciate his sincerity of purpose, which, as his colleague from Wd. 15 has said, was concealed beneath a rough exterior. I have always felt that his rough and ready manner and his warm greetings were as sincere as could be the most polished salutation. I well remember meeting him scarcely a week ago today in City Hall, and in response to my request as to how he was feeling, I felt sure that his statement that he was feeling first-rate was prompted rather by his well-known cheerful disposition than by the actual facts in the case; and I felt then that he would not long be with us. I sympathize, Mr. President, with the bereaved family and I also sympathize with the people of Wd. 15, who are now at the present time compelled to rely upon one representative, the gentleman who opened this meeting by introducing the resolutions of respect. I desire at this time to express my sincere hope that the people of Wd. 15 will not have to depend entirely upon Mr. Mahoney for a very long time. I sincerely trust that my esteemed friend and colleague and fellow-student, Mr. McIsaacs, will soon be here again to make up to some extent for the loss to its cause by the death of Mr. Cadigan. I am heartily in favor of the passage of the resolution.

Mr. President, it is my painful duty today to rise and second the resolutions presented in honor of the memory of my friend and associate councilman, Mr. Cadigan of Wd. 15. I have known him for many years, we attended the same school in our early days, and I have enjoyed his friendship as a man. In all my dealings with him I found in him all that I could expect from anybody in my community in which I might move. His manly principles under all circumstances, as a member of the city government, as an associate, as a friend, were always such as to evoke the admiration of his friends and comrades. I sincerely hope that he has gone to a better life, and that we shall all die as happily as he did. Mr. President, I endorse the resolutions.

Mr. HORGAN of Wd. 8 said:—Mr. President, I did not intend to say anything on the resolutions offered here today, but I feel as though, having been fortunate enough to know the deceased, it would hardly be proper in me to let this occasion pass without paying the tribute which we all feel is due to our deceased brother councilman, Edward C. Cadigan, of Wd. 15. I have had the pleasure of knowing Councilman Cadigan the last two years as a member of the City Council of Boston, and during that time, I, as well as the other members of the Council who knew him, have appreciated Mr. Cadigan's true worth. He has at all times paid particular attention to his duties as councilman and has won the respect and esteem of his associates. Today, when we realize that he has passed from among us, that but a short time ago he appeared before us apparently in excellent health and that now the grim hand of Death has stricken him down, we must appreciate the fact that even the most robust, morally, physically or intellectually, may be stricken by death at any time or hour. In the loss of Councilman Cadigan we sustain a blow equal to that sustained in the loss of Councilman Butler last year. Both councilmen were peculiarly alike in many ways. Both were earnest and sincere. While neither had much to say on matters of importance before the council, yet both were active at all times in doing what was for the best interests of the citizens of Boston. In

losing Councilman Cadigan we lose a young man who had an active and useful career before him; and not only do we sustain a loss, but the citizens of Wd. 15 and of the city at large as well. I most heartily endorse and second the resolutions as offered here today.

Mr. HICKEY, of Wd. 14, said—

Mr. President, the suddenness of the news of the loss of our esteemed colleague and my sincere friend almost unnerves me. Having been associated with him in organizations for years and on terms of the closest intimacy and friendship I learned to know and appreciate the good qualities of Mr. Cadigan long before he occupied any public office and my associations with him in the Common Council of the City of Boston have only made stronger our friendship. It is not too much to say that the work of Councilman Cadigan as a public servant was of the same conscientious nature that he displayed in positions of trust in private organizations. Of a retiring and conservative disposition, but with considerable force of character, which resulted in quiet but effective work that always received the commendation of his associates. It seems hardly possible that this young and active man of apparent vigor but a few months ago should today be called upon to give an account of his stewardship, but his associates in the Common Council and his friends generally may rest assured that in receiving that account it will be pronounced as the work of a faithful servant, well done, and entitled to the eternal reward that all mortals look for.

President CONRY said—

Gentlemen of the Council: It is a sad duty which calls us together this beautiful summer noon.

We have come to pay a formal tribute of respect to the memory of a man who was a member of the Common Council for three years. Death is ever painful, even when the blow falls where we are remotely acquainted. When the affliction visits our own Council Chamber, when we witness a companion by whose side we have labored, struck down on the very threshold of manhood, our hearts are pained and our feelings are wrapped in gloom and sorrow.

Mr. Cadigan was a man with a large circle of friends. They were able to perceive in him those qualities which prompted the voters of Wd. 15 to elect Mr. Cadigan three times in succession to this body.

I entered the Council with Mr. Cadigan and soon learned to recognize his good parts.

While he did not take an active part in the discussions of the Council he was an earnest worker in other directions and always remained faithful to his constituency.

It is not given to man to comprehend the reason why many things occur in this world and we must be content to accept with patience what God in His wisdom and mercy has ordained. Let his sorrowing relations be assured of the sincere sympathy of the members of the Common Council.

Mr. DUNN of Wd. 14, offered an order—That the City Messenger be directed to cause flowers to be placed on the desk of the late Councilman Cadigan for a period of thirty days; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council, Contingent Expenses.

Passed.

Mr. MAHONY of Wd. 13, offered an order—That the City Messenger be directed to place the flag on City Hall at half mast on the day of the funeral of the late Councilman Cadigan.

Passed.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 14, offered an order—That the President and seven members of this Council be appointed as a com-

mittee to represent the Common Council at the funeral of the late Councilman Cadigan, that said committee be instructed to procure a suitable floral offering and to cause the resolution passed at this meeting to be engrossed and forwarded to the family of the deceased; all expenses contracted by the committee in the discharge of its duties to be charged to the appro-

priation for Common Council, Contingent Expenses.

Passed.

The President announced the appointment of the following committee: Messrs. Conry of Wd. 2, Mahoney of 15, Dunn of 14, Mahony of 13, Hickey and Mulcahy of 14, O'Toole and Bresnahan of 13.

Adjourned at 12:32 o'clock.

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